

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 4:21-cr-586
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PLAINTIFF,)	JUDGE SARA LIOI
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
LESLEY SMITH, III,)	
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DEFENDANT.)	

This matter is before the Court upon Magistrate Judge David A. Ruiz Report and Recommendation that the Court ACCEPT the plea of guilty of defendant Lesley Smith, III and enter a finding of guilty against defendant. (Doc. No. 25.)

On August 11, 2021, the government filed an Indictment against defendant. (Doc. No. 18.) On September 4, 2021, this Court issued an order assigning this case to Magistrate Judge Ruiz for the purpose of receiving defendant's guilty plea. (Doc. No. 22.)

On October 7, 2021, a hearing was held in which defendant entered a plea of guilty to Count 2 of the Indictment, charging him with Possession with Intent to Distribute Cocaine Base (Crack), in violation of 21 U.S.C. Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B)(iii), and to Count 3 of the Indictment, charging him with Felon in Possession of a Firearm, in violation of 18 U.S.C. Sections 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). Magistrate Judge Ruiz received defendant's guilty plea and issued a Report and Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that this Court accept the plea and enter a finding of guilty. (Doc. No. 25.)

Neither party objected to the Magistrate Judge's R&R in the fourteen days after it was issued.

Upon *de novo* review of the record, the Magistrate Judge's R&R is ADOPTED. Specifically, the Court finds as follows: that the defendant is competent to enter a plea, that he understands his constitutional rights, that he is aware of the consequences of entering a plea, and that there is an adequate factual basis for the plea. The Court further finds that the plea was entered knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Accordingly, the defendant's plea of guilty is APPROVED.

Therefore, the defendant is adjudged guilty of Counts 2 and 3 of the Indictment.

The sentencing will be held on January 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 20, 2022



HONORABLE SARA LIOI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE